

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 046-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: February 18, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: **OFFICER KEVIN GRAHAM SELECTED AS DADE CHIEF'S
JANUARY 2004 OFFICER OF THE MONTH**

This Letter to the Commission is to announce that the MBPD's Officer Kevin Graham has been selected by the Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police as their January 2004 Officer of the Month. The following is a brief synopsis of the incident involved.

The Police Department had received an anonymous call advising that a person fitting the description of a homicide subject featured on America's Most Wanted was seen in the area of the 4300 block of the Boardwalk. While not dispatched to the call, Officer Graham still responded to the area to search for the subject and successfully located him. The subject gave false information and refused to be finger printed to confirm his identity. With no probable cause to make an arrest, the subject was released.

Officer Graham continued to investigate and was able to obtain the profile and photo of the subject from America's Most Wanted. The subject in question matched the photo and Officer Graham returned to the area to search again for the subject. The subject was spotted in the 3800 block of Collins Avenue and a perimeter was set up with canine officers to search the area. The subject was not located. Again, Officer Graham did not give up but continued scouring the area for the subject. The subject was found hiding under the Boardwalk at 39th Street. Through Officer Graham's unwavering perseverance this dangerous fugitive subject was taken into custody. The subject, positively identified as Buddy Charles Beavers, had open warrants for Homicide Arson, Robbery with a Firearm, and Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution and was on the U.S. Marshall's Most Wanted List. Officer Graham is to be commended for his bravery, resolve, and dedication to the MBPD.

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c: Officer Kevin Graham
Chief Donald W. De Lucca